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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PINS, AR, CU
SUBJECT: APPARENT DEFECTION OF CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS DIRECTOR BUENOS AIRES HAS RECEIVED THROUGH MAIL DIPLOMATIC CARNETS OF CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES (SECURITY GUARDS) JESUS CEJAS ARIAS AND CRESCENCIO GALANENA HERNANDEZ, WHO DISAPPEARED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES ON AUGUST 9.

2. CARNETS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY HAND-WRITTEN NOTE DATED AUGUST 11 STATING THAT TWO CUBANS WERE USING THIS MEANS TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR "DESERTION" OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY TO LIVE IN THE "FREE WEST."

3. EMBOFF HAD PRIVATE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE CARNETS AND NOTE. CARNETS APPEAR TO BE GENUINE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS APPROPRIATELY WORN AND SIGNATURES ON LETTER MATCH SIGNATURES IN CARNETS. AP DIRECTOR HAS NOTIFIED CUBAN EMBASSY, WHICH WAS SENDING OFFICIALS TO AP OFFICE TO RECOVER DOCUMENTS.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE THIS DEVELOPMENT UNTIL AND UNLESS THE TWO CUBANS APPEAR AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE INDEED DEFECTING. FACT THAT DOCUMENTS TURNED
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